

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ready Mixed Concrete Company of Statesville, North Carolina, for its commitment to preserving our natural resources and the environment.

The Ready Mixed Cement Company of Statesville, along with the Ready Mixed Facility in Taylorsville, North Carolina, recently received the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's Green-Star certification for its dedication to environmental excellence.

This accomplishment demonstrates how hard this company has worked to adapt its business practices to today's rapidly changing culture of sustainable business.

These efforts will not only protect the environment, but will also make the Ready Mixed Concrete Company of Statesville a better competitor and employer. That means more good jobs for the people of North Carolina, which is what we need most during these difficult economic times.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN CAMP ASHRAF

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to address what could develop into a humanitarian catastrophe in Iraq. Residents of Camp Ashraf, opponents of the Iranian regime who found a home in Iraq, appear to have been abandoned by the United States and other nations as they are subjected to unlawful seizure and detainment by Iraqi forces.

The Iraqi government must be called upon to respect the human rights of Ashraf residents and to honor its written commitment that it will treat all Ashraf residents humanely. The U.S. Government must ensure that the new democracy that we have helped prop up in Iraq does not forcibly return Ashraf residents to Iran, where they will face certain persecution, torture, and possibly even death. They must not be relocated to any country where they will be persecuted based upon their beliefs.

On a day when we have demonstrated here on the floor our support for the people and pro-democracy forces inside of Iran, let us not forget those in Camp Ashraf, Iraq.

EPA IS DESTROYING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, earlier last week, the EPA announced that carbon dioxide is a health hazard and a pollutant that should be regulated under the Clean Air Act. That means that you and I are polluting simply by breathing.

Make no mistake about it, the timing of this announcement was inten-

tional. By issuing the ruling last week, the EPA is attempting to gloss over the inconvenient truth of thousands of emails by climate researchers revealing ways they manipulated or hid evidence that disproves their theories of climate change. Furthermore, the ruling is an attempt to avoid the fact that the American people are opposed to this job-killing cap-and-tax bill that has been stalled in the Senate. Inconveniently, that leaves negotiators in Copenhagen unable to broker a binding agreement.

The EPA is destroying the democratic process and rushing in to legislate where Congress refuses to tread. Will the American people support the administration's latest effort to regulate even more private companies out of business? I wouldn't hold my breath.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER OF JERRY HAYES

(Mr. GRIFFITH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Jerry Hayes of Huntsville, Alabama.

In the Tennessee Valley, Jerry's decades of responsible journalism have earned him the respect and trust of hundreds of thousands of people. His 30 years at WHNT News 19 in north Alabama have brought inspiration and guidance to an untold number of aspiring journalists looking to begin their careers.

When he is not in the studio or at the scene of a story, Jerry is bettering the community around him. His work for Tennessee Valley children is near to my heart, and north Alabama parents owe him a debt of gratitude that is almost impossible to repay.

Each year, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recognizes individuals who have made a meaningful contribution to broadcasting by inducting them into the Silver Circle. Jerry epitomizes the type of excellence that the academy looks for, and I congratulate him on this achievement.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. Jerry Hayes for his 30 years of service to north Alabama. Our community would not be the same without his dedication to the families of the Tennessee Valley.

MAKING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT PERMANENT

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, we will be judged by two measures in the United States Congress: action or inaction. I stand here before you today to tell you that we will recover from this economic recession. That is why bipar-

tisan efforts by myself and Congressman CHRIS LEE have worked across the aisle to make research and development tax credits to companies permanent so that they can manufacture and produce and research their products right here in the United States.

Our legislation creates American jobs and helps companies innovate by giving them an incentive to research and develop right here in the United States. This tax credit is an investment in our Nation's manufacturers. By making research and development tax credits permanent, our bill takes critical steps to make the U.S. more competitive because our credit will be comparable to those offered by other countries.

We will recover, and we will be judged by action or inaction. We will recover from this recession by investments into our manufacturing base in this great country.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE PHONE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. TIM MURPHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak about H.R. 1110, the PHONE Act, which stands for Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement. It will be voted on tomorrow. This bill addresses the growing and serious problems of caller ID fraud that allows the caller to hide their true identity to obtain personal information for use in identity theft and scams.

Answering your phone is like answering your door, you're letting someone into your home and you need to know that whoever that person says they are is true. Caller ID was originally designed to give you that information so you could decide to answer your phone and have the confidence that you were not taking a call that is unwanted, unsafe, or unknown. That is why I worked across the aisle with Representative BOBBY SCOTT in introducing H.R. 1110, which was first introduced in the 109th Congress. Representative SCOTT took the lead in the 110th Congress, and now we are again working together in the 111th Congress to pass this very important bill. I thank Representative SCOTT for his leadership and teamwork in passing this public safety bill.